

CHAPTER NO. 921

SENATE BILL NO. 3095

By Ramsey, McNally

Substituted for: House Bill No. 3023

By McAfee

AN ACT Relative to fees and purchasing in state parks and to amend Chapter 3 of Title 11.

WHEREAS, The budget crisis of the State of Tennessee may soon adversely impact the state parks; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Environment and Conservation is attempting to maximize revenues for the state parks in every way possible; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Environment and Conservation already has the legal authority to charge fees at the state parks and has been doing so and is currently engaged in the process of proposing additional fees; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly wishes to provide through this legislation additional means for the state parks to maintain and improve the current level of services at the current level of state appropriations; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly recognizes that the acceptance of paying additional fees by the public may be enhanced by the knowledge that the fees would stay with the parks rather than going to the State General Fund and will not simply be used to replace state appropriations; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Part 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 11 of the Tennessee Code Annotated is amended by deleting Section 11-3-118 in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Section 11-3-302 of the Tennessee Code Annotated is amended by deleting the words, "voluntary contribution" in subsection (a).

SECTION 3. Section 11-3-302 of the Tennessee Code Annotated is further amended by deleting subsection (h) and substituting the following in its place:

(h) Any revenues realized from user fees charged by the state parks shall be deposited in a sub-account within the fund which shall be governed by all provisions of this part except the restriction regarding salaries in Section 11-3-304.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 9, 2000

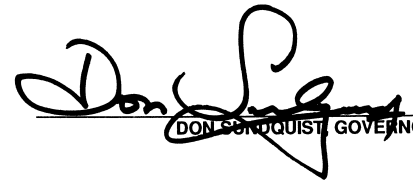


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APPROVED this 19th day of June 2000



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